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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Robert A. Ersek et al

Our Docket No. 910521.CCO

For : TEXTURED MICRO IMPLANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER RULE 1.62 (FWC)

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits of the above-identified United States patent application filed under Rule 1.62 (FWC), kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 70-79 and 98, without prejudice.

In claim 80, line 2, after "compatible", insert -- non-resorbing -- .

Rewrite claim 81 as follows:

3 ~~81~~. (Amended) An injectable particulate implantation system for long-term augmentation of soft tissue, comprising in combination:

- (a) biologically compatible particles of a relatively soft, resilient, non-resorbing material dispersed in a non-retentive compatible physiological vehicle, the particles being further characterized by a rough surface having a